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ACMC: 'A great program here'

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Decked out in the new camouflage utility uniform, Gen. Michael J. Williams, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps spent a day touring MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, June 10.

During his visit, Gen. Williams took time to speak with members of the MCB Hawaii Safety Center about the programs that help keep Marines alive and well.

The general toured the Center and took a closer look at vehicles and equipment. He also took time to have pictures and speak with the staff.

"You all definitely have a great program going here," said Gen. Williams. "It's probably the best one of its kind in the Marine Corps."

Earlier this year, the Center received recognition from the commandant for outstanding performance in its operations.

After his visit to Safety, the general



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Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael J. Williams speaks to Marines and Sailors during his whirlwind tour of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, June 10 and 11.

made his way by foot to Dewey Square where he greeted hundreds of Marines and Sailors from around the base, stand-

ing in formation to hear him speak.

General Williams offered a few short comments about safety to the Marines

and Sailors. The formation was dismissed and Marines and Sailors quickly lined up to meet and get pictures with the ACMC.

Most of the rest of the general's day was divided between meeting Marines and making different speeches to groups around the base. He visited most of the larger commands here, and even took time out to attend a graduation at the base's education center.

At around 2:30 p.m., Gen. Williams made his way to the Pacific War Memorial at the front gate to reenlist several Marines to new contracts in the Marine Corps.

The assistant commandant then conducted professional military education with Marine Corps officers at the base theater to finish out his day.

In all, the general got a wide view of the base in only a day's visit. He met Marines in their work spaces and spoke to them with the kind of influence a general has — a motivating experience for all.



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Marine Aircraft Group 24 headed up the ACE during training at Cobra Gold 2002 in Thailand.

MAG-24 returns to K-Bay

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"Welcome Home MAG-24," flashed the sign at the front gate, as more than 20 leathernecks from Marine Aircraft Group 24 (MAG-24) returned from a month-long deployment in Thailand, June 1.

While there, the relatively small number of Hawaii Marines took on the task of heading up the command headquarters of the Aviation Combat Element (ACE) for the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

during Exercise Cobra Gold 2002 — a two-week exercise meant to combine all the elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force for bilateral training with the Thai and Singaporean armed forces.

The Marines and Sailors excelled throughout the exercise, said Col. William Murray, commanding officer of MAG-24.

The ACE staff successfully accomplished every objective.

Squadrons from Okinawa, Japan; MCAS Iwakuni, Japan; MCB Hawaii;

and others all provided aircraft that played an active role in air support for Cobra Gold 2002.

Group Marines faced challenges in their operations, as many of their aircraft were based at another airfield, more than 100 miles away.

The ACE allowed no major mishaps throughout the entire evolution — even with 1,200 personnel under its command.

"By every measurable metric, the exercise was a resounding success," said Murray.

'Rough Riders' of CSSG-3 receive a new commander

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

Colonel Paul D. Adams passed the reigns of Combat Service Support Group 3 to Col. James E. Harbison Wednesday during a change of command ceremony at Dewey Square.

Adams is scheduled to fill the billet Harbison vacated at U.S. Pacific Command as the chief of Logistics, Plans and Exercises Division of the J-4.

Adams, a graduate of the Air Force Air War College, the Army War College, and the Naval War College, said the Marines and Sailors of CSSG-3 are well trained and ready to deploy at any time.

Recent events which enhanced the combat readiness of the "Rough Riders" included 25- and 15-mile hikes, and the deployment of the entire Group to Marine Corps Training Area Bellows in March.

Adams stressed 'excellence in all things' during his command, and he attributes the Group's readiness to accepting any challenge to that ethos.

During the ceremony, Harbison said he is a history buff and offered a 96-hour liberty pass to the first CSSG-3 Marine or Sailor who could tell him why four names he listed were key to the way Marines handle logistics today.



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Colonels Harbison and Adams salute as Marines and Sailors march off of Dewey Square Wednesday after the pass and review.

Camp Smith battle colors change hands at Bordelon Field



Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Jordan relinquished MarForPac's battle colors to Col. William S. February.

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini
Marine Forces Pacific Public Affairs Office

CAMP SMITH - After two eventful years of leadership, Col. Kevin B. Jordan relinquished command of Headquarters and Service Bn. to Col. William S. February on June 7 at Bordelon Field, which overlooks the beauty of Leeward Oahu.

"Two years ago," recalled Jordan, "I



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Colonel Kevin Jordan thanked all for supporting him.

asked the Marines and Sailors to take Benjamin Franklin's challenge. 'What good can I do in the world?'

"...The Marines and Sailors have met Benjamin Franklin's challenge. It has been my honor in serving with you in the defense of liberty."

Despite the Marine Corps' reputation as being ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year, the war on terrorism took Jordan by surprise.

"I did not expect the call to come on my watch," Jordan revealed. "Headquarters and Service Bn. has not deployed in real operations since World War II."

However, Jordan explained, despite the ruthless surprise attack on American soil, the Marines and Sailors were well prepared.

During his command, the battalion deployed to Korea, Kenya and Egypt, and participated in series of local exercises, including forced marches and perimeter security. Marine Forces Pacific Band Marines also learned how to load and operate a .50-caliber machine gun during his tenure.

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MCBH NEWS
BRIEFS

POST OFFICE CHANGES HOURS
ABOARD K-BAY

The Kaneohe Bay U.S. Post Office has changed its hours to better serve customers. New hours of operation are as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays: closed.

Unit Mail Call: 9 - 11 a.m.
Official Mail Service: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Parcel Pick-up: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SCHOOL SURVEY EXTENDED

The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command has extended the time frame for the customer satisfaction survey to measure perceptions regarding military dependent children’s education in Hawaii.

All military parents of school-aged children (public, private and homeschool), as well as military dependent students in grades 5 - 12 (public and private schools), are encouraged to participate in the survey at <http://www.hawaii-survey.com>.

The full study is projected for completion by the end of November 2002, and feedback will be provided to all military communities by December 2002.

NAVY TO HOLD AUCTION,
TOMORROW

The general public is invited to the Enlisted Navy Ball Auction, Saturday, at Richardson Field (between Ford Island and the Aloha Stadium), from noon till 4 p.m. (or later, if all items aren’t sold by 4 p.m.).

Bargain hunters can name their price and choose from various items. As well, several concessions such as Huli Huli chicken will be available during the auction.

Items will be accepted for the auction up until 12 p.m.

If you’d like to make a donation, or have questions about the auction, contact Senior Chief Mike Brookover at 477-3733.

BACK GATE HOURS EXTENDED

The MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, back gate, on Mokapu Road, is now open seven days a week, from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The hours were extended to better support the base and its military community.

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Military Police	257-7114
Crisis Hotline	521-4555
Child Protective Services	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852

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CCE grads biggest class ever

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Press Chief

Seventy-seven more officers in Hawaii are “PME complete” after graduating from the MCB Hawaii Satellite Campus of the Marine Corps University College of Continuing Education (CCE).

General Michael J. Williams, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, spoke at the ceremony and awarded certificates to graduates.

The Amphibious Warfare School (AWS) and Command and Staff College Distance Education Programs (CSCDEP) are significant for three reasons, Gen. Williams told graduates and guests in the Base Theater Tuesday.

The first is simply because the Commandant of the Marine Corps requires it.

“Second, we’re clearly never going to be on our own again,” he said. “Everything will be joint, and when the staff of a Joint Task Force has a meeting, you will be the resident Marine. They will ask you ‘what does the Marine Corps think?’ and if you are not clear on what the Marine Corps ‘thinks,’ you will have trouble articulating our capabilities.”

General Williams said the third reason this Professional Military Education is important is that he sees a significant change in our service over the next ten years.

“The Marine Corps will change more dramatically than it ever has since World War I,” he said. “For that change, the Marine Corps needs intelligent, educated, clear-thinking leaders. That’s why this is so important.

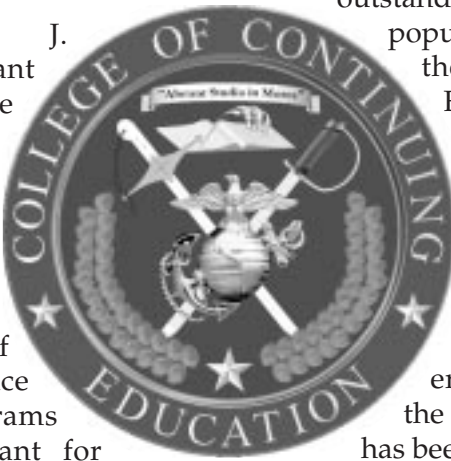
“There isn’t anything more important you can do for the Marine Corps now than to get

educated,” he added.

Forty-two officers, including one Air Force major, completed the CSCDEP, and 35 completed the AWS-DEP. The numbers are up from last year, and significantly larger than previous years.

“Overall, MCB Hawaii is doing an outstanding job in terms of population engaged in the Distance Education Programs,” said retired Col. Bill Peoples regional coordinator for the CCE Satellite Campus at MCB Hawaii. “The operational tempo of the past nine months has been unrelenting, and many of the graduates continued studies even while deployed to Southwest Asia.”

“The program gives officers a broader perspective on the mission and role of the Marine Corps in a joint environment,” said AWSDEP graduate Chief Warrant Officer 4 Randall Harris, range management officer at MCB Hawaii. “It was also very flexible, so we could work the assignments into our regular schedule and military duties.”



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Above Left — Chief Warrant Officer 4 Randall Harris gets his diploma from the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael J. Williams during the CCE graduation Tuesday. Above Right — Captain Gregory B. Pace, supply officer, Headquarters Co., 3rd Marines, walks off the stage after receiving his diploma.

The 2002 Graduates

*Command and Staff College
Distance Education Program*

(-CSCDEP continued:)

Maj. Michael D. Stover, CSSG-3
Capt. Joe S. Wolfe, HQ Bn., MCBH

*Amphibious Warfare School
Distance Education Program*

Capt. Patrick E. Allen, HQ Bn., MCBH
Capt. Robert L. Anderson III, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Capt. David W. Baas, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Michael J. Bissonette, 1st Radio Bn.
Master Sgt. Teresa A. Browndorf, HQ Bn., MCBH
Capt. Ernest F. Calvillo, HQ Bn., MCBH
1st Lt. Patrick R. Cantwell, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Michael R. Challgren, I&I, 4th Force Recon Co.
Chief Warrant Officer John Digiovanni, HMH-363, MAG-24
Capt. Andrew J. Drake, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Francisco V. Duran Jr., HQ Bn., MCBH
Capt. Daniel J. Evans, HQ Bn., MCBH
Capt. Gregory L. Ezell, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Capt. Todd A. Fujimoto, CSSG-3
Capt. Jer J. Garcia, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey S. Goodfred, CSSG-3
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Randall L. Harris, HQ Bn., MCBH
Capt. Edward B. Hastings, HMH-362, MAG-24
Capt. Christopher J. Hofstetter, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Curtis A. Lineweaver, 1st Radio Bn.
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eugene W. Lipp, CSSG-3
Capt. Karen L. Morrisroe, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Capt. Melissa J. Nelson, HMT-301, MAG 24
Capt. Gregory B. Pace, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Leslie T. Payton, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Peter A. Peterson, HMT-301, MAG-24
Capt. Christopher J. Sample, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Capt. Rex W. Sappenfield, MALS-24, MAG-24
1st Lt. Steven E. Schultze, CSSG-3
Capt. Brian D. Simon, 1st Radio Bn.
Capt. Michael A. Stroud, 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Dwayne S. Suwa, 1st Radio Bn.
Capt. Thomas M. Tennant, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sean D. Thompson, 1st Radio Bn.
Capt. Javier A. Torres, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment
Capt. Kipp A. Wahlgren, CSSG-3
Capt. Craig A. Wolfenbarger, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment

Maj. Darrell L. Akers, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment
Maj. Calvin A. Austin, HQ, USPACOM, J-5
Maj. Christopher P. Bazin, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Willie J. Best, DISAPAC
Maj. Lance S. Bookless, JICPAC, USPACOM
Maj. Bruce K. Brahe III, HMH- 363, MAG-24
Maj. Dave W. Burton, 1st Radio Bn.
Maj. Anthony J. Cardon, H&S Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Charles M. Cromwell, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Lt. Col. Amy V. Dunning, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Robb P. Etnyre, 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Maj. Shawn D. Filby, USAF, PACAF IG
Maj. Keith A. Fry, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Robert Govoni, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Capt. Stuart M. Harness, 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Maj. Peter W. Hart, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Matthew N. Hess, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. William E. Hidle, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Todd A. Holmquist, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Capt. Christopher S. Ieva, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment
Maj. James B. Koerber, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment
Maj. Robert A. Krekel, MALS-24, MAG-24
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Todd J. Krome, CSSG-3
Maj. Robert S. MacFarland, Jr., HQTRS, MAG-24
Maj. John M. Manson II, HQ Bn., MCBH
Maj. Daniel R. Martineau, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Lt. Col. Charles J. May, HQTRS, USPACOM
Maj. Joseph T. McCloud, HQ Co., 3rd Marine Regiment
Maj. Timothy J. Millen, HMH 363, MAG-24
Maj. Sean P. Odoherty, HMH 463, MAG-24
Capt. Christopher H. Oliver, HMH-362, MAG-24
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Thomas J. Rizzo, CSSG-3
Maj. Michael J. Rodriguez, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Michael P. Rohlfs Jr., HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. Robert P. Salasko, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Maj. David L. Sanford, SOCPAC
Maj. William H. Seely III, I Co., Marine Support Bn.
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Charles M. Sharpe, Jr., CSSG-3
Maj. Charles L. Sides, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac
Lt. Col. Gary W. Storey, HQSVC Bn., MarForPac

1/12 trumps .50 cal. challenges



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Private First Class Christopher Cox, a motor transport operator with Charlie Battery, 1/12, quickly runs through an assembly drill at K-Bay’s Range Training Facility.

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Combat Correspondent

Nearly 30 Marines from Charlie Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, ascended the Ulu’pau Crater May 6, to take part in training with M2 .50 caliber machineguns.

The Marines began the day with timed assembly and disassembly tests on given weapons. They received two minutes to completely assemble and dry-fire them.

Leaders also examined each Marine’s ability to complete a time and spacing dry-fire test in less than two minutes.

While there, the Marines participated in several different gun drills, and fired the weapons with live ammunition at constructed paper targets placed on Range 5, of MCB Hawaii’s Range Training Facility.

“We integrate these machineguns into our battery defense plans to keep the gun positions safe from any kind of assault,” said Cpl. Kelly Ward, a cannoneer from Charlie Battery, 1/12.

“We do this kind of training about twice every year to make sure that everyone is capable of effectively operating the .50 cal.”



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Charlie Battery, 1/12, Marines raced to assemble .50 caliber machineguns within a two-minute time frame May 6.

Maintenance Excellence



Photo Courtesy of Maj. Paul Curran

Ten Pegasus CH-53D “Sea Stallion” helicopters fly over Waikiki May 30 to show off their combat readiness. Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 has 10 aircraft assigned, and all were in the air.

K-Bay team stops drugs at Texas border

Sgt. Robert
Carlson
Press Chief

After helping stop more than \$1.5 million in drugs from entering the U.S. border, an MCB Hawaii K-9 handler and his dog returned to Kaneohe Bay with experience that will help the team do its job more effectively.

From March 29 to May 20, Cpl. Brett Jeanselme and his military working dog Max worked with U.S. Customs agents to curb the flow of drugs into the country through the border at Mexico. Max, a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois, detected more than 1,750 pounds of drugs while working at border crossings in El Paso, Texas.

The deployment, part of an ongoing training cycle involving military working dogs from the Department of Defense and U.S. Customs, allowed Jeanselme and Max to deploy together for the first time and to work with K-9 teams from other military services.

“The trip was definitely a good experience for us,” Jeanselme said. “It was great to work in a different environment. It helped Max recognize the

odors better.”

Although Max and Jeanselme stopped more than a dozen large shipments of drugs from slipping into the U.S., the mission was still considered training for the Marines.

“We were not able to make any arrests, so when Max detected drugs, we had to bring the Customs officials over to verify the presence of drugs, and apprehend the smugglers,” he said.

Jeanselme won acclaim from the Customs officials during his tour in El Paso with Max. During one week, the team found 10 loads of drugs inside vehicles attempting to enter the U.S.

The hot El Paso sun, and the long wait to get across the border, made the

odor stronger than normal as the cars passed through the inspection stations. While some loads were easier to detect because of the heat, duty on the border opened Jeanselme’s eyes to the ingenuity smugglers employ to get past border inspection stations.

Max, a certified narcotics dog, can detect marijuana, cocaine, heroine, hashish, methamphetamine and ecstasy. Smugglers tried a variety of tricks to get drugs past the working dogs. The challenge was good for the K-9 team.

“The trip taught both of us a lot about how we can do our job better here,” Jeanselme said. “It also tightened the bond between Max and I. It helped me to trust him a lot more.”



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Corporal Brett Jeanselme, a K-9 handler with MCB Hawaii, recently returned from El Paso, Texas, where he and his 4-year-old Belgian Malinois, Max, worked with U.S. Customs officials at the border.

WORD ON THE STREET

“What is one important thing your father taught you?”



“My father taught me to respect my mother and to always do what is right and make good choices in life.”

Lance Cpl.
Joseph
Benton
Regimental
driver
3rd Marines

“...To respect everyone, no matter what their status is in life.”

Petty Officer
2nd Class
Michael
Spencer
Aviation
storekeeper
VP-9



“My father taught me about wisdom and hard work. I learned from his mistakes.”

Cpl. Ricky
Menard
Outbound chief
Personal Support
Center, 3rd
Marines

“He taught me never to quit and to always do my best. ...Also to do what I believe is right, no matter what others think.”

Lance Cpl.
Renee Blaufus
Clerk
Headquarters,
MAG -24



“He taught me to treat others the way I would like to be treated.”

Petty Officer 3rd
Class Lily
Cheng
Aviation
storekeeper
VP-9

===== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE =====

24th MEU raids downtown Macon, Ga., during TRUEX

Sgt. Zachary A. Bathon
24th MEU Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — As the last of the tents came down and gear was packed up, Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) made their way back to Camp Lejeune, N.C., wrapping up their Training in an Urban Environment Exercise (TRUEX) in Macon, Ga. May 22.

The exercise, which lasted for two weeks, provided the Marines the

opportunity to conduct missions in an urban setting and better prepared them to face situations like this on their upcoming six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.

One highlight of the training was the unfamiliarity offered by Macon.

“Here you find high antennas, congested roads and buildings packed close together,” said Col. Richard P. Mills, commanding officer, 24th MEU. “You can’t reproduce that at Camp Lejeune.

“The Marines get comfortable op-

erating there because it’s home. They know it. Here everything is new and it offers an extra layer of difficulty.”

The Marines of the Maritime Special Purpose Force (MSPF) conducted three raids on buildings in downtown Macon and the surrounding area.

“Our job is to be ready to respond to crises whenever they arise. It’s important to practice our skills ... where [landing zones] are hard to find and large buildings present tactical challenges,” said Mills.



Sgt. Zachary A. Bathon

Marines from the MSPF fast rope from an HMM-263 CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter during the TRUEX.

MARFORPAC, From A-1

Jordan’s next assignment is as deputy chief of staff G-6, at MarForPac.

February shared his vision and future goals with the Marines, Sailors and civilians in attendance.

“I give you my solemn pledge to do everything I can possibly do to keep the track record and gauntlet set by Colonel Jordan’s guidance and tutelage, to meet and possibly exceed the standards that have been set,” promised February.

The new commanding officer of Headquarters & Service Bn. served as platoon commander in the 1st Marine Division. He also served as a company commander in both 7th and 9th Communication Battalions, and commanded 7th Comm. Bn. from 1996 to 1998.

His staff assignments include liaison officer to the House of Representatives; operations and executive officer to Team Blue for Counter-Narcotics Operations in Columbia, South America; and the operations officer for G-6, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.


February served as chief of the Technology and Architecture Division in the Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems Directorate for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After Sept. 11, 2001, he was assigned to the J-5 Directorate to assist in the strategy development for the war on terrorism.

February holds a Master’s Degree in National Security Studies from the National Defense University and a Master’s Degree in Systems Management, with an emphasis in Global Telecommunications, from Capitol College in Maryland.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with a bronze star, Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a gold star.





The Midway Atoll coin

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, MCB Hawaii commanding general and Marine Forces Pacific deputy commander, received the Midway Atoll National Memorial Coin during ceremonies commemorating the 60th anniversary of the first six months of World War II in the Pacific, Monday morning on the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri. Brigadier Gen. McAbee was the keynote speaker for the event.

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini